ANTIQUE CAT SHOP

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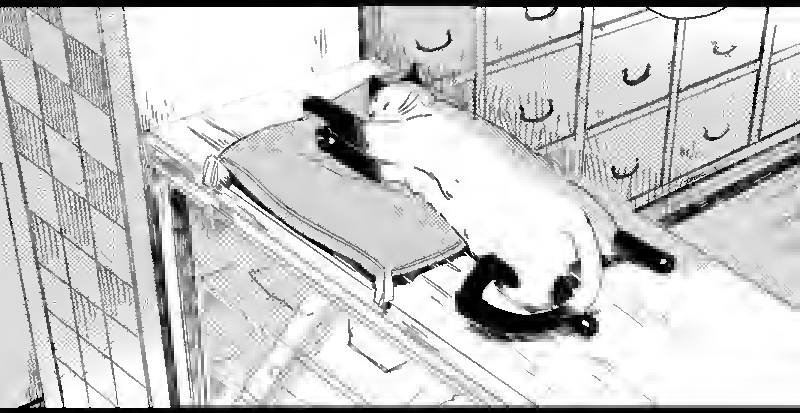

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IT MUST BE A DOLL?

Episode 1

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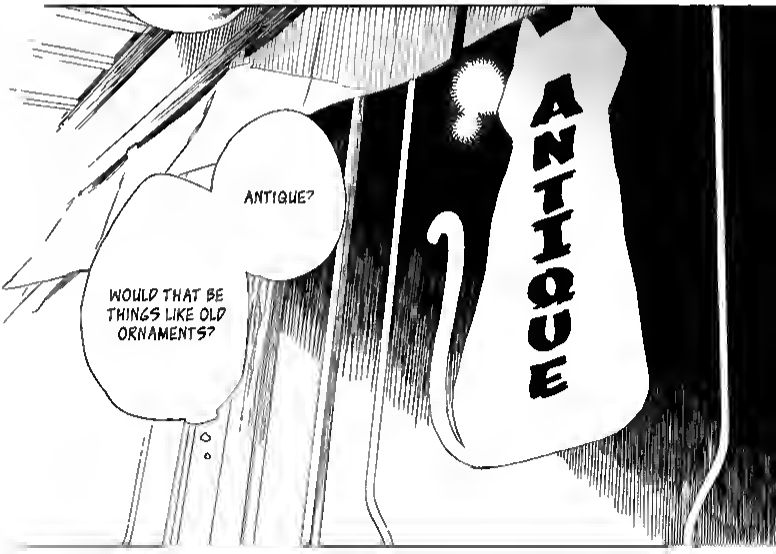
ANTIQUE
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WOULD THAT BE THINGS LIKE OLD ORNAMENTS?

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IT OPENED
RATTLE...
THE DOOR WAS LEFT UNLOCKED?
E-
EXCUSE ME..
RATTLE
RATTLE

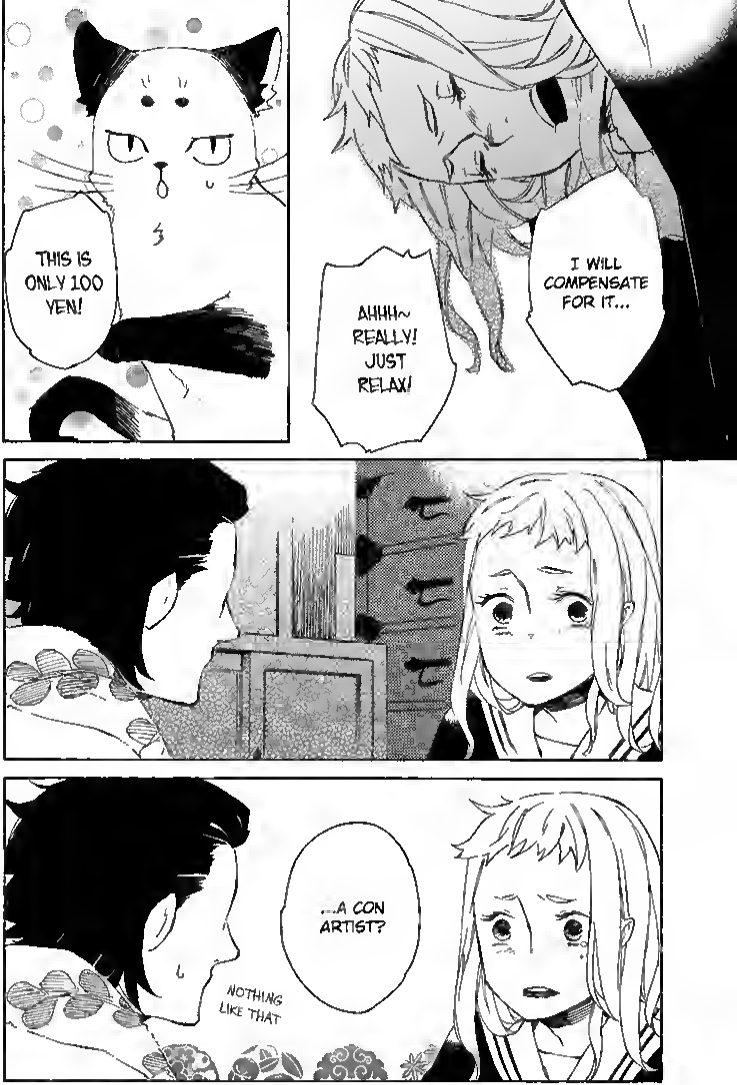
WOW—
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALIVE
TWITCH...

!!!
A REAL CAT...?!
BAM
RECOIL
!!!
SCRATCH
NYA!

HEY! BONTEN!
I-
I DIDN'T DO IT!!!
WAHHHH
...?
IF IT WASN'T YOU, THEN WHO...
THAT'S EXACTLY IT!

...!
OH, A CUSTOMER?
!
I SAID I DIDN'T DO IT!
THE CAT
THE
GASP
TALKED!!!
SLICE

OUCH!
ARE YOU OKAY?
I'LL QUICKLY CLEAN THIS UP SO DON'T MOVE.
AH!
I-I'M SO SORRY.
I BROKE IT...
TAP...
AHHH
THIS..
SNIFF
SNIFF
IT'S AN ANTIQUE, ISN'T IT?
I-I'M SO SORRY.
NO, THIS IS...


THIS IS ONLY 100 YEN!
AHHH~ REALLY! JUST RELAX!
I WILL COMPENSATE FOR IT...
...A CON ARTIST?
NOTHING LIKE THAT

I BOUGHT IT TO USE AS A FLOWER-POT.
I WAS JUST DOING SOME GARDENING.
I'M GLAD IT WAS ONLY 100 YEN.
WHEW
I BROUGHT SOME TEA.
MILK

I HEARD THE CAT TALK...
HM..
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A TALKING CAT...
AHAHA..
HAH
THAT'S RIGHT.
BONTEN IS A TALKING CAT.
CAT!!!
BANG

I'M NOT GETTING HIVES?
ARE YOU ALLERGIC?
H-HUH?
WELL, THERE ARE MANY UNSOLVABLE MYSTERIES AROUND THE WORLD.
AH, YES.
BUT HOW...
MILK
YOU CAN JUST THINK THIS IS ONE OF THEM.

HERE.
MILK
.....
BLANK.
CAN I TOUCH IT?
OF COURSE.
WHAT ABOUT A PICTURE?
CAN I DRAW A SKETCH?
OF COURSE IT'S OKAY.

CATS
ARE ONE OF MY FAVOURITE ANIMALS.
...
SKETCH
SKETCH
I MAKE DOLLS INSTEAD.
SINCE I CAN'T TOUCH THEM,
IS THIS ONE OF THEM?

EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE ALL THESE CAT ORNAMENTS,
I'D WANT TO DISPLAY IT TOO.
YOU'RE REALLY SKILLFUL.
RIGHT, BONTEN?
I WANT TO SEE TOO.
CAN I MOVE?
IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, CAN I BRING THEM IN?
I HAVE LOTS AT HOME...
WOAH——
DO YOU HAVE OTHERS AS WELL?

HELLO...
KATTE

.....
THANK YOU.
THEY'RE REALLY WELL MADE
ARE THEY ALL MODELED AFTER THE SAME CAT?

I TRIED TO CHANGE THE DESIGN A BUNCH OF TIMES ALREADY..
...AH, YOU CAN TELL?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU REALLY LIKE THAT CAT'S FACE.
WELL, YEAH.
THAT CAT.
.....

THAT CAT.
BECAUSE OF MY ALLERGIES,
RIGHT AFTER RESCUING IT,
WE HAD TO THROW IT AWAY.
IN MY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL YEARS, I FOUND HER AS I WAS GOING HOME.
BUT WHEN I BROUGHT HER HOME,
I GOT HIVES.
THAT'S WHEN WE FOUND OUT I HAD ALLERGIES ...

MEOW—
IT WAS A BLACK KITTEN.
HER EYES WERE ROUND
AND HER EYES WERE BLUEISH GREEN
SHE WAS SOFT
AND REALLY LIGHT.
SHE WAS REALLY CUTE.

I STILL REMEMBER THE DAY MY FATHER THREW HER AWAY
CLEARLY IN MY MIND.
MEOW—
I CRIED ALL NIGHT, BEGGING HIM TO BRING HER BACK.

WHAT HE DID WITH HER,
MY FATHER NEVER TOLD ME. IT'S BEEN SIX YEARS SINCE THEN.
WHERE HE THREW HER AWAY,
I HOPE SHE IS HEALTHY.
THOUGH I'M JUST SAYING THAT TO MAKE MYSELF FEEL BETTER
ANYWAY...
I'M SORRY. I'M ONLY TALKING ABOUT MYSELF.
LIM,
WHICH ONE DO YOU LIKE BEST?
I LIKE THIS ONE!

HOW MUCH IS IT?
HUH? IT'S OKAY!
PLEASE TAKE IT! I DID BREAK A FLOWERPOT YESTERDAY..
BUT IT WAS ONLY A 100 YEN...
STILL!
TO THINK THAT I COULD TOUCH A CAT AGAIN,
IT FEELS LIKE A DREAM.

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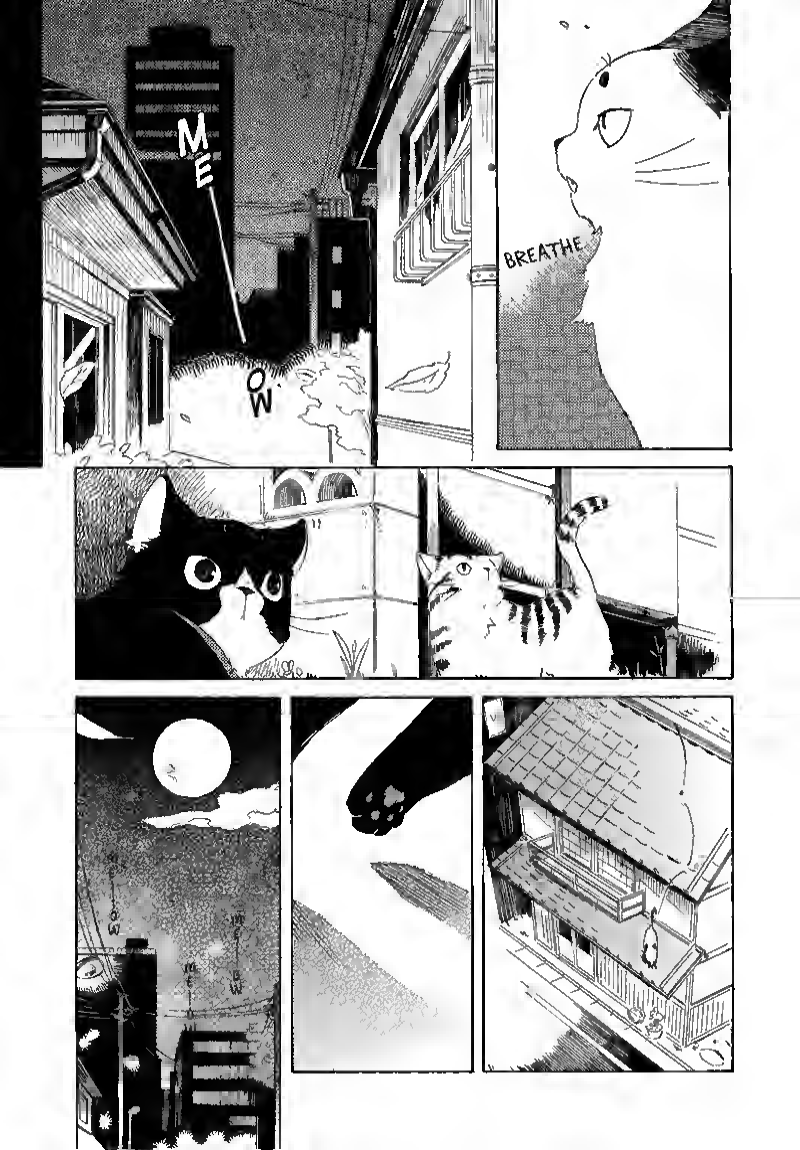
JUST THINK OF IT AS PAYMENT FOR THE FLOWERPOT.
REALLY MUST HAVE LIKED THAT BLACK CAT.
SHE
CLACK

HAS
A WARM
SCENT.
THIS
BONTEN...


ME
OW
BREATHE

RATTLE
AM I A NUISANCE?
BUT THIS TIME I BROUGHT A GIFT AND COOKIES SO IT MUST BE OKAY
AM I
GOING THERE TOO OFTEN?
HELLO...
..HUH?

MEOW...
BONTEN
AND THE MANAGER AREN'T HERE...

MEOW—
CLACK
YOU'RE HERE.
I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO COME SLOWLY.
I'LL BRING OUT THE TEA.

...IT'S THE SAME CAT, RIGHT?
MEOW~

HOW..
BONTEN FOUND HER.
IT WAS TOUCH~

I HAD TO SEARCH ALL NIGHT.
I FOUND HER WITHOUT A HITCH.
AQUAMARINE EYED BLACK CATS ARE RARE.
SO I HAD TO ASK AROUND.
THAT COLLAR...

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE STAYING WITH A NEW OWNER
THAT YOUR FATHER FOUND.
SHE WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING HER
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAD A CAT ALLERGY.

THAT'S WHAT SHE WANTS TO SAY.
SHE'S HAPPY.
SNIFFLE
I SEE
THANK GOODNESS ...
DAD, REALLY, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME TOO...

...I'M SORRY FOR HAVING A CAT ALLERGY.
SNIFFLE
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW AND GOT REALLY ANGRY...
YOUR ALLERGY CURED ALREADY?
BUT ISN'T
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS.
YOU DON'T HAVE HIVES NOR ARE YOU SNEEZING.

.....!
TRY HOLDING HER.

SMILE
SQUEAK
CLOSE
BONTEN?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

~SHOP CLOSED.1~